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SUBJECT: ISRAELI OIL ACTIVITY IN THE GULF OF SUEZ AND SINAI

1. LEGAL ADVISER GAVE ISRAELI EMBOFF, BAR-ON, COPY OF DETAILED LEGAL MEMO, JANUARY 18, SUPPORTING OUR VIEW THAT ISRAEL DOES NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO DEVELOP NEW OIL FIELDS IN SINAI AND THE GULF OF SUEZ. BAR-ON WILL BE TRANSMITTING IT TO JERUSALEM FOR COMMENT.

2. DEPTOFFS EXPLAINED THAT MEMORANDUM WAS PREPARED FOLLOWING LEIGH-ROSENNE DISCUSSION IN JULY 1976, LARGELY IN RESPONSE TO ROSENNE REQUEST FOR MORE DETAILED EXPOSITION OF U.S. VIEWS. SINCE USG AND ISRAEL SUBSEQUENTLY BEGAN DISCUSSIONS OF THE RELATED TOPIC OF AMOCO DRILLING IN THE GULF OF SUEZ, IN WHICH WE TRIED TO FOCUS ON PRACTICAL RATHER THAN LEGAL ASPECTS, MEMO WAS NOT DELIVERED WHEN
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COMPLETED. COPY OF MEMO WAS BEING PROVIDED NOW BECAUSE USG IS INCREASINGLY TROUBLED BY THE ISRAELI OIL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA AND WE WISHED TO AVOID ANY POSSIBILITY THAT OUR NOT DELIVERING THE MEMORANDUM MIGHT BE MISCONSTRUED AS REFLECTING DOUBT ABOUT LEGAL POSITION. MEMO IS DATED OCTOBER 1, 1976, WHEN IT WAS SLIGHTLY MODIFIED TO MEET POINT RAISED IN PRESS ACCOUNTS OF ROSENNE'S MEMORANDUM

TO EFFECT THAT EGYPTIAN, NOT AMERICAN, COMPANY WAS SEEKING
TO DRILL IN EASTERN PART OF GULF.

3. COPIES OF MEMORANDUM BEING POUCHED ADDRESSEES. CAIRO IS
AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE COPY TO EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT. WHILE
MEMO IS NOT CLASSIFIED WE ARE NOT VOLUNTEERING IT TO THE
PUBLIC AT PRESENT IN ORDER TO AVOID COMPLICATING THE
SITUATION.

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Message Attributes

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Decaption Note:
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Disposition Approved on Date:
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Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
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